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Whereas, owing to the prevalence of an epidemic of small-pox in Montreal, there is danger of the disease becoming epidemic in Ontario; therefore, the Provincial Board of Health, subject to the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, enacts the following regulations:—

1. Wherever small-pox is present in any municipality in Ontario, the Council of every such municipality, and of every municipality adjoining the same, shall at once appoint one or more sanitary policemen for the purpose of assisting to arrest the spread of the disease, and the Council of any municipality in Ontario where the Provincial Board of Health deems the appointment of one or more sanitary policemen necessary, shall also make such appointment. If the Medical Health officer of the municipality, or the Provincial Board of Health, require the appointment of any specified number of sanitary policemen, then such number shall be appointed. In case the Council of a municipality neglects or refuses to make the required appointments, the Provincial Board of Health may appoint as many sanitary policemen for such municipality as it deems necessary.

2. Any default on the part of the authorities of any municipality in taking immediate and effective action in carrying out the regulations of the Provincial Board of Health, or of any of the Health Acts of this Province, or of any Health By-law in force in the municipality, shall be at once reported by the Medical Health Officer to the secretary of the Provincial Board, in order that the said Board may take such measures as it deems requisite for placing the said municipality in a position, as regards its sanitary arrangements, to effectively combat the said disease.

3. On the occurrence of the first, or any, case of small-pox in a municipality, the Medical Health Officer shall at once remove the person attacked to the isolation hospital, tent, or other place provided under section 44 of the Public Health Act, 1884, or cause such person to be otherwise efficiently isolated, and shall take proper measures for the disinfection, or if necessary the destruction, of all clothing which may have been exposed to the contagion, and for the disinfection and purification of every conveyance, rail-car, steamboat, sailing-vessel, carriage, or other vehicle, which may have been exposed to the contagion.

4. He shall further place in another building or tent, which shall be provided by the Local Board of Health, all persons who may have been exposed to the contagion, and shall supply them with all necessaries until the period of incubation of the disease shall have elapsed, and no such person shall go, or be permitted to go, abroad until he or she has given satisfactory proof of successful vaccination within the preceding seven years, or shall have obtained a medical certificate of insusceptibility to the vaccine disease, nor until the clothing or effects worn or carried by or with him or her have been properly disinfected, if the same have been exposed to contagion.

5. When any vessel coming from an infected locality enters any port in Ontario, the Medical Health Officer having jurisdiction in the port shall make a strict inspection of the vessel and examination of the passengers, officers and crew, luggage, clothing, bedding, freight or other effects, before any person, luggage freight or other thing is landed, or allowed to be landed from it, and where any infected or exposed person is found on board,

he or she shall be dealt with in the manner directed in the preceding regulation numbered four, and no luggage, freight or other thing shall be landed from the vessel until they have been thoroughly disinfected.

6. With a view of preventing, by means of a systematic inspection of passengers, baggage and cars, the introduction of infected persons, things and conveyances into the Province, the Provincial Board, during such time as the present epidemic of small-pox exists in Montreal, or an epidemic of small-pox exists in any other locality by which epidemic the health interests of this Province are, in the opinion of the Board, likely to be affected, may appoint Medical Inspectors who shall perform such duties as may be assigned to them by the Board, and may board all trains entering this Province from Montreal, or such other locality, and all boats bearing passengers from Montreal, or such other locality, to Ontario ports, and any other train or boat suspected of having infected persons, luggage, freight or other effects on board, and every such Inspector may take in respect of such persons, luggage, freight or effects, any sanitary precaution authorized by any of the Health Acts of this Province, or by any regulations issued by the Provincial Board of Health, and sanctioned by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, which, in the opinion of such Inspector, are expedient for the purpose of guarding against the further introduction of small-pox into Ontario. The Inspector may require any person travelling on any such train or boat either to produce for examination by the Inspector, a medical certificate of such person having been vaccinated within the preceding seven years, or not being susceptible to the vaccine disease, or to exhibit to such Inspector the marks on his or her person of successful vaccination, such as to satisfy the Inspector that the same has been performed within seven years, and on default the Inspector is empowered to vaccinate such person, either before he or she is permitted to leave the train or boat, or immediately thereafter, at his discretion; and each person so travelling shall answer truthfully all reasonable questions which an Inspector shall, in the performance of his duty, ask such person with reference to the places such person has been at, and his or her stay there during the fourteen days next preceding such inquiry being made; and in case such person refuses, or omits so to do, the Inspector shall be justified in presuming that such person has been within such time exposed to infection, and in acting accordingly.

7. Local Medical Health Officers and all other sanitary officers shall, whenever required by the Medical Inspectors appointed by the Provincial Board, aid such Inspectors in providing for and compelling the removal of suspected or infected persons from trains or boats, and for isolating and vaccinating such persons, and for supplying them with medical aid; and the expenses attendant upon the discharge of such duties shall be borne by the Provincial Board in all cases where the persons for which they are performed are unable to pay therefor, and are not residents in the municipality in which they are taken care of.

8. In every municipality in which small-pox exists such local arrangements as are provided for by Chapter 191 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, shall be made by the Local Board of Health for the systematic and compulsory performance of vaccination, wherever the Council of any locality shall omit to make such arrangements or may not be authorized by the said Act to make the same. In every such municipality any person who has not been successfully vaccinated within seven years, or who does not hold a medical certificate of his or her insusceptibility to the vaccine disease, ascertained upon an attempt to vaccinate made within seven years, shall procure the vaccination of himself or herself within three days of being requested in writing by any Health Officer of the municipality to obtain vaccination, or within a like period after public notification by the Local Board of Health, directing general vaccination of the inhabitants of the municipality, has been issued, and in case such vaccination is not successful every such person shall have the operation repeated until the same is successfully performed, or he or she obtains a certificate of insusceptibility to vaccine disease.

9. Until the publication of notice in the *Ontario Gazette* removing the prohibition, no rags or clothing shipped by boat, rail-car or other conveyance as merchandise from Montreal or other infected locality, shall be landed or permitted to be landed in any part

of the Province, unless accompanied by a properly authenticated certificate from a Health Officer appointed under the Health Act of Ontario, or from some person approved of by the Provincial Board of Health certifying that the said articles had been properly disinfected before shipment, or were free from infection.

10. The Medical Inspectors to whom is assigned the duty of inspecting trains and boats running from Montreal westerly shall, in respect of the duties hereinafter mentioned, be governed by the following rules:—

(1) An Inspector shall attend at the Railway station or steamboat wharf at Montreal, a reasonable time prior to the departure of every boat or train going west, and shall whenever he deems it expedient, take passage on such boat or train;

(2) He shall notice whether passengers have come off the trains or boats or whether their journey commences at Montreal;

(3) He shall notice whether passengers have tickets direct from Montreal, or whether the dates on the tickets show that the passengers have probably stopped over there or elsewhere;

(4) He shall note the destination of all such persons;

(5) He shall obtain information as to the quarters whence they have come, and whether there is any reason to suspect their being infected;

(6) If the Inspector believes that any such person is infected, or that his or her clothing or other effects contain infection the Inspector shall detain such person, and his or her clothing and effects aforesaid at some convenient point *en route*, until the period of incubation is over, and the clothing and other effects shall be at once disinfected;

(7) If the Medical Inspector only suspects that any person on board, or the effects of any such person have been exposed to infection, the Medical Inspector shall notify the Medical Health Officer of the locality to which the person is going, to meet the train or boat, and to keep the said person thereafter under observation;

(8) In either of the cases mentioned in the two next preceding rules, unless the person believed to be conveying, or suspected of conveying contagion, shows satisfactory proof of vaccination within seven years, or of insusceptibility to the vaccine disease, he shall be forthwith vaccinated; and, if necessary shall be detained by the Local Health Officer until vaccinated by him or some other proper person;

(9) The effects of persons regarding whom there is suspicion, should be dealt with as directed by the Public Health Act 1884;

(10) The action to be taken in the event of a case of small-pox being discovered shortly as follows: (a) Detention and isolation of persons affected; (b) Fumigation car or boat; (c) Vaccination of all persons who have been exposed to the contagion; (d) Detention of any person who refuses to be vaccinated; (e) Notification of Local Health Officers at places of destination.

(11) The Medical Inspector to whom is assigned the duty of inspecting trains and boats running from any other place than Montreal, shall be governed by the rules laid down in Regulation 10, substituting the name of such place for Montreal, and such rules shall apply in whatever direction the boat or train may run from such place.

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